

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
BOILING SPRING BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH

Mt. Moriah Church, Clay County, Ala.

Oct 18, 19 and 20, 1892.

OFFICERS.

W. M. GARRETTE, Moderator.....Oaklone, Ala.
J. H. FULLERTON, Clerk.....Delta, Ala.
A. M. SMITH, Treasurer.....Rocky Mt. Ala.

*The next Session of this body will be held with Pleasant
Grove Church, Clay County, Ala., on Tuesday
before the fourth Sunday in Oct., 1893.*

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BOILING SPRING BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, 1892.

MT. MORIAH CHURCH, Oct. 18th, 1892.

The Boiling Spring Baptist Association met in the thirty-third annual session this day with Mt. Moriah Church, Clay County, Alabama, at 11 o'clock a. m. The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. Jas. A. Shadix, followed by Rev. H. C. Knight from 17th chap. 21st verse, of St. John: "That they all may be one as our Father art in me and I in thee, that they also may be one in us; that the world may believe that thou hast sent me." And after prayer and benediction by Rev. J. C. Jackson, adjourned for refreshments.

At 1 o'clock the messengers assembled in the church and were called to order by Rev. W. M. Garrette, Moderator of previous session, and after singing "Come we that love the Lord," and reading the 1st Psalm were led in prayer by Rev. E. Miller.

Moderator requested brethren S. J. Ingram, W. G. Preston, J. F. Preston to receive, and Revs. W. T. Davis, T. H. Howle and Bro. F. J. Ingram to read the church letters.

Messengers names were entered as follows:

Bethlehem—W. W. Bigby, W. D. Hood, J. M. Snow, Wm. Cheatwood, Wm. Humphries, Asa Allen, J. M. Camp.

Bethel—H. W. Armstrong, T. F. McCollough, L. W. Miller, J. C. Wade, C. D. Phillips.

Bethsaida—E. T. Abel, A. J. Smith, J. S. Newsom, J. T. Pritchette.

Bethany—J. W. Harris, J. T. Thrower, S. W. Thrower, W. M. Rogers.

Chulafinnee—Wilson Strong, T. J. Strong, J. B. Campbell.

Corinth—W. D. Hendon, C. M. McLree.

Christiana—M. Z. Prestige, T. M. Hays, S. T. Taylor, J. F. Duke, J. H. Taylor.

Good Hope—Isaac Haynes, A. P. Jenkins, W. E. Reagan, T. J. Elliott.

Heflin—J. F. Morgan, L. L. Herron, J. C. Bean.

Hepsabah—J. A. Thrash, J. W. Thrasher, C. D. Flemmons, B. H. Brown.

Lime Hill—W. G. Raughton, S. H. Vincent, M. B. Pointer.

Mt. Moriah—W. G. Preston, E. F. Lester, G. F. Ingram, A. M. Smith, I. H. Garrette.

Mt. Olive—K. Sims, J. S. Holdrige, J. T. Sims.

New Hope—J. G. Brimer, J. W. Hewette, L. T. Johns, Z. T. Boozer.

New Home—J. T. Mitchell, Taylor Smith, M. N. Whitfield, C. M. Smith.

New Harmony—H. N. Watson, S. I. McDowell, J. D. Harris.

Pleasant Hill—N. G. Campbell, C. M. Campbell, J. F. Turner.

Pleasant Grove—F. J. Ford, J. N. Price, W. Gregg, J. R. Atchison, J. T. Hudson, W. T. Hodnette.

Providence—J. T. Millsaps, G. W. Gunter.

Pine Grove—Not represented.

Ramah—S. B. Smith, J. M. Hardy, T. J. McClintock, J. K. Hardy, J. H. Fullerton.

Salt Creek—A. J. Adams, J. R. Tramell, Jas. A. Wright, W. H. Wade, W. D. Wade.

Union—J. A. Dover, J. H. Dempsey, W. J. Davis, W. J. Stansell.

Jeifer—Frank Clarke, W. M. Medlock, G. E. Roper, Thos. Carter.

Called the roll. The Moderator announced a quorum present, and a permanent organization in order.

Brethren W. P. Bell and W. A. Scott were requested to act as tellers to ascertain the choice of the Association for Moderator and Clerk.

The election resulted in the choice of the former officers.

On motion, requested an answer from the officers elect. In a few brief and appropriate remarks they accepted. After which the Moderator declared the body organized and ready for business.

A motion of Rev. W. H. Preston, to appoint a committee on order of business, was lost.

On motion of Rev. E. Miller, adopted the former order of business.

On motion of Rev. W. H. Preston, omitted reading the rules of decorum.

Moderator requested the devotional committee of last session to appoint some one to preach at this hour at the stand. Committttee reported Brethren E. Miller and P.

W. Milner to preach. Called for correspondents and received Brethren W. T. Davis, W. A. Scott, W. P. Bell, Wily Reeves, Z. Jordan, W. H. Smith, from the Carey. Invited visiting brethren to seats with us.

An invitation was given to churches desiring membership with this body.

Vacancies on standing committees were filled by adding as follows:

State Missions—Rev. J. C. Jackson.

Foreign Missions—Rev. T. H. Howle.

Publications—Rev. J. A. Shadix.

Obituaries—Revs. J. A. Shadix, T. H. Howle, Bro. J. C. Bean.

Appointed a committee on devotional service, Brethren J. M. Hardy, J. C. Bean, J. C. Wade.

Called for reports of standing committees.

On motion of Rev. T. H. Howle 9 o'clock to-morrow was set for discussing the mission reports, and 11 o'clock for preaching the missionary sermon.

The devotional committee reported that Rev. J. W. Campbell would preach at the church this evening, at 7 o'clock, and Revs. P. W. Milner and J. W. Stephens at the arbor in the morning 9 o'clock, and that Rev. W. T. Davis would preach the missionary sermon.

The Association then adjourned with prayer by Rev. T. H. Howle.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The body was called to order by the Moderator at 8:30 o'clock, and after reading the 23rd Psalm and singing "Awake my soul," prayer by Rev. P. W. Milner, proceeded to business. Committee on destitutions through its chairman ask further time which was allowed, and Brethren L. W. Miller and Frank Clarke, were added to the committee.

The special hour of the day being in order the home mission report was read by Rev. W. H. Preston.

The committees on State and Foreign Missions not being ready, suspended the regular order of business, and heard the report on Sabbath Schools, which was read by Rev. J. W. Campbell, and after discussion by Revs. J. A. Shadix, W. H. Preston, T. H. Howle, W. M. Garrette, W. T. Davis, and Brethren J. M. Snow, W. W. Bigby, H. W. Armstrong, J. C. Bean, and others, the report was adopted.

On motion of Rev. T. H. Howle suspended the order of business that an expression might be had from the Association in regard to a more determined effort in the cause

of Sabbath Schools, and that prayer might be offered by Rev. J. A. Shadix for the success of the effort. On motion dispensed with preaching at 9 o'clock this morning.

A second reading of the home mission report was called for. The reports on State and Foreign Missions were read by Rev. T. H. Howle. A motion of Bro. H. W. Armstrong to amend the State Mission report by striking out the latter clause, was spoken to by H. W. Armstrong, T. H. Howle, J. C. Jackson, W. H. Preston, E. Miller and J. T. Hudson. Bro. J. C. Jackson rose to a point of order and was sustained by the Moderator. A motion of Rev. W. H. Preston to table the amendment was lost. On motion of Bro. A. M. Smith the report was recommitted. The Moderator announced that the hour for preaching the missionary sermon had arrived.

On motion of Rev. J. C. Jackson the body then adjourned until 2 o'clock. P. M. After adjournment, the messengers, with a large assembly of people repaired to the stand and after singing "Oh for a closer walk with God" and reading a part of the third chapter of St. John, were highly entertained by Rev. W. T. Davis on the subject of missions from St. John, the 3rd chapter and 17th verse: "For God sent his Son into the world to condemn the world, that the world through him might be saved."

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The body met at 2 o'clock. After singing, "Children of the heavenly King" prayer was offered by Rev. W. A. Scott. The State Mission report was again read and after further discussion by Revs. W. T. Davis, T. H. Howle, J. C. Jackson, W. H. Preston and others the three mission reports were adopted. Devotional committee reported that Revs. P. W. Milner and D. B. Hicks, would preach at 2 o'clock. J. C. Jackson and W. H. Wright, to preach at 7 o'clock. On motion of Bro. J. M. Snow the hour of 10 to-morrow was named as the time for hearing the temperance report. Report on publication was read by the clerk and adopted. On motion of Rev. T. H. Howle the hour of 9 in the morning was set to take pledges from the churches for missions. On motion letters of dismission were granted to the following churches, viz: Bethlehem, Bethany, Corinth, Chulafinnee, Heflin, Hepsabah, New Hope, New Harmony, Pleasant Hill.

Appointed as committee on Finance, brethren W. G. Preston, J. C. Bean, J. M. Snow. Suspended the order of of business and received Revs. W. H. Wright and D. B. Hicks as correspondents from Arbecoochee Association.

The association then adjourned with prayer by Rev. J. C. Jackson.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

At 8:30 the body convened, and being called to order by the Moderator, sung "O, love surpassing knowledge." Prayer was offered by W. H. Wright.

Bro. J. T. Millsaps, from the committee to visit delinquent churches, made a verbal report.

On motion of T. H. Howle the committee were excused from making a written report.

The special hour of the day being in order, the churches were called and pledges taken from each church of how much they would try to raise for missions by the next session of this body. Amount pledged:

Bethel.....	\$15 00	Pleasant Grove.....	\$10 00
Bethsaida.....	2 50	Ramah.....	10 00
Christiana.....	5 00	Jenifer.....	5 00
New Home.....	2 00	Salt Creek.....	5 00
Providence.....	5 00	Union.....	1 50

Bro. W. H. Armstrong individually pledged \$5.00.

Report on obituaries was read by Rev. T. H. Howle.

On motion, suspended the order of business that half an hour might be devoted to memorial service, when the body was addressed by Revs. J. C. Jackson, W. M. Garrette, T. H. Howle, W. H. Preston, W. T. Davis.

On motion the time was extended thirty minutes and the body further addressed by Breth. W. H. Wright, J. C. Bean, H. W. Armstrong, W. P. Bell, W. G. Preston, and others.

On motion by J. C. Jackson, a collection was taken for Bro. J. C. Taylor's family, amounting to \$11.00.

On motion, Bro. J. C. Bean was requested to forward the money to Sister Taylor.

The special hour for hearing the temperance report having arrived, it was read by Bro. W. W. Bigby and spoken to by Breth. J. M. Snow, T. H. Howle, J. C. Jackson, W. T. Davis, W. H. Preston, W. H. Wright, H. W. Armstrong and W. P. Bell, when the report was adopted.

After the benediction the body adjourned for one hour.

EVENING SESSION.

The messengers reassembled at 1 o'clock, and were led in prayer by Bro. E. Miller. Finance committee's report read and adopted. Treasurer's report read and adopted.

On motion agreed to hold the next session of this body with Pleasant Grove church.

On motion Revs. W. M. Garrette, and T. H. Howle, were appointed to preach the introductory sermon at the next session of this body.

On motion Breth. J. M. Snow and Asa Allen were appointed to prepare a suitable eulogy on the death of Rev. J. J. Teague and forward to the clerk.

On motion omitted calling the roll.

A motion of Bro. E. Miller to change the time of the meeting of this body back to Saturday before the fourth Sunday in September was lost. After singing "God be with you till we meet again," extending the parting hand, and prayer in behalf of the churches by Rev. W. M. Garrette, the body adjourned to meet with Pleasant Grove church three miles N. E. of Lineville, Ala., at 11 a. m., on Tuesday before the fourth Sunday in Oct. 1893.

W. M. GARRETTE, Moderator.

J. H. Fullerton, Clerk.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be tendered to Mt. Moriah church and the citizens of this community for their hospitality and friendship shown us during the present session of this body.

STANDING RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved (1), That any member of this Association in good standing may consider himself a correspondent to any Association he may visit.

Resolved (2), That we allow the clerk \$10.00 for his services, and the balance be apportioned for minutes.

Resolved (3), That this Association is in profound sympathy with all movements which look to the suppression of the sale and use of intoxicating liquors.

Resolved (4), That we recommend our churches to exclude from their fellowship any member who in any way aids in the making, selling or licensing of ardent spirits.

Resolved (5), That it is the sense of this Association that the reported desecration of the Sabbath day by members going to and from market is totally at variance with the sacred scriptures, and should not be tolerated.

Resolved (6), That each minister of this Association be requested to have as many as two appointments each month during the next Associational year.

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.

W. W. Adams, Forney, Tex.	H. C. Knight, Black's Store.
J. M. Barrette, Ironaton.	J. W. Stephens, "
J. W. Bates, Anniston,	T. H. Howle, Delta.
C. C. Barrette, Jenifer.	H. H. Stephens, Delta.
J. W. Chandler, Eastaboga.	W. M. Garrette, Oaklone.
J. T. Dameron, Jenifer.	E. Miller, Oaklone.
J. A. Shadix, Shinbone.	W. H. Preston, Ashland.
G. W. Owens, Kentuck,	J. D. Johnson, Chulafinnee.
L. P. Hodnette, Christiana.	

LICENTIATES.

J. S. Moore, Black's Store, Ala.; P. T. Chandler, Oxford, Ala.; William Odell, Oxford, Ala.; J. A. Wright, Kentuck, Ala.; C. G. Crowder, Anniston, Ala.; R. J. Wade, Kentuck, Ala.

COMMITTEES TO REPORT AT NEXT SESSION.

Destitution—J. M. Hardy, J. M. Smith, W. J. Davis.
Home Missions—J. W. Stephens, W. G. Preston, W. E. Reagan.

State Missions—J. A. Shadix, J. H. Fullerton, F. J. Ingram.

Foreign Missions—W. H. Preston, H. W. Armstrong, E. F. Lester.

Sabbath School—T. H. Howle, T. F. McCollough, J. K. Hardy.

Temperance—J. M. Barrette, H. C. Knight, W. M. Garrette.

Publication—E. Miller, F. J. Ford, J. C. Wad.

Obituary—A. M. Smith, L. P. Hodnette, C. H. Mason.

Answer Queries—W. H. Medlock, J. T. Mitchell, S. B. Smith.

Executive—T. J. McCintock, H. W. Armstrong, J. T. Millsaps.

CORRESPONDENTS TO OTHER ASSOCIATIONS.

Carey—Revs. W. H. Preston, W. M. Garrette.

Arbecoochee—Revs. W. M. Garrette, T. H. Howle, Bros. A. M. Smith, Taylor Smith.

Harmony—Brethren E. Miller, T. H. Howle, J. H. Fullerton.

Calhoun—Brethren G. F. Carter, T. W. Miller.

APPENDIX.

SABBATH SCHOOL REPORT.

Your Committee on Sabbath Schools submit the following report: Our letters of correspondence report only ten Sabbath Schools in our twenty-one churches. May we all thank God for the revivals down in these Sabbath School churches and for the missionary spirit manifested by mission contributions. We devoutly pray for more Sabbath Schools in our churches that the Gospel may be studied, and that we may learn of God and our duty toward each other and especially our children. May the great Head of the church lead and guide us in this great and holy work that we may soon see a Sabbath School in every church; then will the missionary spirit be enlarged and the gospel spread. Do not be wearied and discouraged but press onward in this grand work that there will be no more retrograde but success.

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. CAMPBELL, Ch'm.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your committee submit the following report: We believe that the preachers of this association and pastors of churches should use greater efforts to keep it out of their churches, for God has said to "keep Israel clean and they shall prevail," and our people should believe the promises of God. We take the position the only way to drive it from among us, is to keep the pulpit and the pales of the church clean. Now brethren you are aware of the suffering of mothers and children caused by the use of ardent spirits. We believe it to be the duty of every true follower of Christ to do everything in his power to drive it from among us, as Christian people.

Respectfully submitted,

W. W. BIGBY, chairman.

REPORT ON PUBLICATION.

We your committee request our brethren to read the word of God which is our great light, and true guide from earth to heaven. We also recommend the Alabama Baptist, Tennessee Baptist, The Home Field and State Missionary Quarterly, The Foreign Mission Journal, as good literature for Christians and children to read. All of which is submitted.

J. W. STEVENS, Chairman.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

Dear Brethren: It becomes our painful duty to chronicle the death of our late lamented Bro. J. C. Taylor, whose loss we now deplore. He was born in South Carolina June 23d, 1833; died last December; joined the church at High Pine, Randolph county, Ala., about the age of eighteen. He was in the constitution of the church at Heflin, where he was liberated to preach—was ordained to the full functions of the ministry October 12th, 1889, by the laying on of hands of the following presbytery, viz: Thos. H. Howle, W. J. Campbell, J. C. Garner and W. U. Almon. Bro. Taylor was a most zealous worker and preacher till death. We are thus reminded of our mortality, and that great usefulness, public honors, and exalted position furnish no exemption from the shafts of death. Death meets us everywhere, it is the law of our being, the unalterable decree of heaven. Bro. Taylor now sleeps his last sleep, he has fought his last battle, he has ceased from his labors, and his works do follow him. Bro. Taylor was a missionary in deed and in truth. He paid all that he was able to pay for support and spread of the gospel. He proclaimed the doctrine of Christ with burning zeal. He did a great work for his Lord. He was admired and beloved by all who knew him best. Unflinching and unalterable as feeble man can be, he has gone to his reward. Palms of victory and crowns of glory no longer await him, for already he stands upon the shores of immortality playing on the golden harp, challenging death for its sting and the grave for its victory. He leaves behind an afflicted little son, a lonely wife and three lovely daughters, who deserve our sympathy and charity.

T. H. HOWLE, Chairman.

Dear Brethren: Not having the facilities whereby we may correctly chronicle the life and death of our much esteemed Bro. John Teague who served a long and faithful career of usefulness in the ministry, whose loss we sorely regret, we respectfully recommend that a committee be appointed to ascertain the particulars of his life and death, and write a suitable eulogy and forward to the clerk for publication in the minute of this session.

E. MILLER, Chairman.

Dear Brethren: To the best of our information Bro. Lewis Maning was converted in the morning of his life and joined the Methodist church. In reading the Scriptures he said, "I found I was not in the way of the Lord," and joined the Missionary Baptist church, was a member

of Antioch church, Talladega county, a number of years. Was ordained a deacon by the following presbytery, viz: S. G. Jenkins, Jordan Williams and Brother Guinn. Moved to Bethlehem church, Cleburne county. Was in the organization of the Boiling Spring Association. He was a faithful member and was loved by many. He died in his eighty-fourth year in the faith of the Lord. Our loss is his gain, we feel triumphant in the kingdom.

Bro. Garrett, a deacon of the Baptist church, is also numbered among the saints who have been called from labor to refreshment in the house not made with hands eternal in the heavens.

Soldier of God well done,
Rest be thy loved employ,
And while eternal ages run
Rest in thy Master's joy.

J. A. SHADIX, Chairman.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

This is a subject of great importance, and yet so many of us fail to understand God's word, or fail to do what is our duty. Is it right to preach the gospel everywhere? The great command is to go into all the world and teach all nations. Then, did he mean what he said? He said nothing about the cost, but the command was to go and teach all nations. Then, in all parts of the world where men differ in their government the preaching of the gospel has the same effect and the results are the same in that of converting the soul and making the blind to see and the deaf to hear, and that of bringing the dead to life and bringing about peace. Let us look into Havana, Cuba, and see a church costing \$75,000.00. Let us hear of three and four hundred souls quickened every year in that land where a few years ago there were none, and in every land the results are the same. Then those who have been quickened begin to appreciate the light and to call out for help. Oh, God, may every saint become concerned about the souls of men! Out of 101,033 members in Alabama we only pay \$6,808.73. Brethren, can we pray to God for the spread of the gospel and almost do nothing? Will God convert the heathen without the gospel? Only by His ordained plan, and that plan is to go. Will we obey?

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. PRESTON, Chairman.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

We feel largely disqualified to meet the wishes and anxieties of this Association, because we are wanting in cor-

rect statistical reports from this board. It might be profitable for us to consider the object of State Mission work, its due bounds, and what we know has already been accomplished. Its first aim was not only to evangelize, but to develop the grace of giving in every church and association in the State. This object has been largely accomplished in many churches and associations, yet there is still remaining much to be done. Some of which we will call your attention to:

1st. To administer the gospel to the poor and destitute, who otherwise would be neglected.

2d. To foster and develop the work of Sabbath School instruction.

3d. The development of the spirit of giving to the Lord, as he has prospered us, for the spread of the gospel.

4th. To encourage the support of pastorate work, and the erection of suitable church edifices.

Dear, brethren, we must all confess that the several objects above mentioned by your committee are such as we should all cherish, the benefits of which we realize in our own beloved State, and even around our firesides. Dear brethren, when we have been duly and properly informed in regard to the work of this board, can we remain unconscious of the duties we owe in this enterprise? It seems to our minds, from the very small contributions sent up at this session of our body, that many remain unconvicted as to what the Lord requires of them for the spread of the gospel. How long will we halt between two opinions? If we are missionaries, let us come up to the Lord against the mighty. How have we come up to the help of the Lord? Is it not true that we are grinding our wheat and keeping all the flour to ourselves, and offering the Lord the shorts and the bran? How many of us brethren pray the Lord to bless the gospel where it is, and send it where it is not, who have never paid a penny to accomplish that end. Brethren, let us not only pray, talk and preach mission, but let us pay mission and let our prayers be in conformity to our practice, showing our faith by our work. Where little is given little is required, and where much is given much is required. God does not require of us what we cannot do, but only what we can do, so let us do what we can do. Harmonize and be one in Christ.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

J. M. SNOW, Chairman.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

It is well known that the work of Foreign Missions presents many difficulties. Heathen are hundreds of millions in numbers, and are scattered over immense districts of the earth. They represent many degrees of intelligence and many grades of civilization or savagery. It is hard to reach them. Oceans must be crossed, difficult tongues must be mastered, long cherished prejudices must be overcome and ancient religions must be overthrown. In addition to the special presence and blessing of God, the conversion of the world to Christ requires a large expenditure of labor and money. But the sky is not all dark. There is much to encourage us. The Father said to the Son, "Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possessions." The risen Christ charged his disciples to "teach all nations," and promised to be with them "always" even unto the end of the world. We may confidently believe that the God who had much people in corrupt, idolatrous Corinth, also has much people scattered among heathen nations. The success of the missionary enterprise during the last century, the progress made, is to us a strong incentive to take fresh courage. Hundreds of missions have been established, the gospel has been translated into scores of languages, and millions of converts have been gathered. In what has already been accomplished, we see the promise of what is to come. New fields are opening. Lands which only a few years ago were closed against the gospel, now welcome the missionary. The movement is one that deeply stirs our colleges and theological seminaries: many of the most promising students are now saying, here are we, send us. There is an increased interest among our people in the spread of the gospel. We know more about missions than in former years. Opposition to the work is not as wide spread as it once was. We give more to the kingdom of Christ than in former times. Our foreign fields now occupied are numbered as follows: Mexico, South America, Africa, China, Italy and Japan. Brethren, as an association, as churches, as individual members, it is a story for us, our meager tithings for the Lord of glory. When will we do better? This matter looks us squarely in the face and demands recognition at our hands. Let us devise a system of beneficence that will develop the grace of giving in our churches, our mission work must not stop with our Association work or State work, but widen and expand until it reaches the millions beyond

T. H. HOWLE, Chairman.

committee make the following reco

T. J. McCLINTOCK, Chairman.

submit the following

Home Missions.....	\$ 7.10
Foreign Missions.....	23.65
State Missions.....	5.15
Missions.....	49.00

Minutes	27.70
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W. G. PRESTON, Chairman.

To amt on hand Ind. N

Cr. Oct. 6, 1891. Sent to Bible and Colp. Board...	\$ 1.00
" " " State Mission Board.....	50.00

Dr. Oct. 20, 1892.	To amt. on hand Ind. Min. Fund	\$12.36
"	" Int. on \$12.36.....	98
"	amt. rec'd from Fin. Com. H. M.	7.10
"	" " " " " F. M.	23.65
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"	" " " " " Min. F.	27.70

Cr. Amount paid clerk for Minutes.....	\$27.70
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A. M. SMITH, Treasurer.

DIRECTORY.

1. Receive and read letters from churches.
2. Elect Moderator and Clerk.
3. Call of petitionary letters.
4. Appoint committees to report during the session.
5. Call for correspondents.
6. Read rules of decorum.
7. Hear reports of standing committees.
8. Give instructions on appropriations.
9. Call for resolutions.
10. Appoint standing committees.
11. Hear committee on finance.
12. Hear executive committee.
13. Hear report of treasurer.
14. Arrange for printing minutes.
15. Miscellaneous business.
16. Correct minutes and adjourn.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.
2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.
3. The Moderator shall be deemed a judge of order and shall have the right to call to order at any time.
4. Any member not satisfied with his decision or any point of order may appeal to the Association on the same day, but at no other time.
5. But one person shall speak at a time, and he shall rise to his feet; and, on obtaining leave, proceed to speak not exceeding fifteen minutes at any time, without leave from the Association.
6. The Moderator, when addressed for leave to speak, shall signify the same by naming the person or otherwise.
7. No member shall be interrupted while speaking unless he departs from the subject or uses words of personal reflection; and every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by him that made it.
8. Every case taken up by the Association shall be first decided or withdrawn before another is offered.
9. When anything is taken up by the Association, after allowing time for debate, the Moderator shall take the question by yeas and nays.
10. The Moderator shall pronounce the decision of the body immediately after it is decided.

11. No person shall depart during the services of the Association without leave.

12. The appellation of "Brother" shall be used in our addresses to each other.

13. The names of the members shall be called as often as the Association may direct.

14. No brother shall be allowed to indulge in any practice that has a tendency to interrupt in time of public speech.

15. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speech as any other member, provided he appoints some other to his seat while he is speaking, but shall not vote unless the Association is equally divided.

16. Any person breaking this Decorum shall be reprovved at the discretion of the Association, but only on the day breach is made.

17. All cases coming before the Association shall be decided by a majority of the members present, except the reception of churches in our union, which shall be unanimous.

18. The Rules of Decorum shall be read at the opening of each session of this body.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I. The ordained and licensed ministers, together with the lay members who are regular chosen delegates, and who are in good standing in our union, shall compose this Association. Ministers are not considered as delegates, but are considered as members, and have the same privilege of debate and vote as other members and of performing any other duty assigned them by the body.

II. The members so chosen shall produce letters or other evidences from their respective churches certifying their appointment, together with the state of their churches since their last representation.

III. The members thus chosen and convened shall be called the Boiling Spring Baptist Association.

IV. The Association shall sit as an advisory council, and shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor infringe on the internal right of the churches, but shall have power to withdraw from any church proved to be unsound in faith and practice according to the Scripture; and any church that fails to represent itself for two associational meetings shall be deemed in disorder. It shall then be the duty of the Association to appoint two or more brethren to visit said church to ascertain the cause

of its delinquency, and to report the same to the next Association.

V. If one church commits an offense against another, it shall be the duty of the offended to labor with the offender; and if it fails to obtain satisfaction, it shall call the aid of two or more sister churches; and if satisfaction cannot be obtained, the aggrieved church may lay the case before the Association for advice; and if a serious difficulty should arise in an individual church, which, after due labor, it cannot reconcile, it may call to its aid two or more churches of its union; and if the difficulty be not then removed, it shall be the duty of the church to bring the case before the Association, to be acted upon as above prescribed; but the Association shall take cognizance of no case unless a due course of procedure shall have been taken.

VI. Any church desiring admittance into this union shall petition by letter and messengers, and, if found orthodox, shall be received by the Association through the Moderator's giving the messengers the right hand of fellowship.

VII. Each church in our union shall have three delegates until it has fifty members, and then one additional delegate for every twenty-five members after the first fifty.

VIII. Any church has a right to authorize any brother over whom it has jurisdiction to exercise in public, if, in its judgment, it may deem him worthy; but in licensing we recommend the churches to call to their aid experienced members from other churches. In case of ordination we recommend that two or more ordained ministers be called to aid in the same and that a report be made at the next Association.

IX. This Association may correspond with any Baptist benevolent institution she may deem expedient, and shall be considered a co-worker with all the missionary enterprises of the day, as far as authorized or required by the Scripture.

X. This Association shall have power at the convening of each session to elect a Moderator and Clerk, who shall hold office until the next regular election.

XI. Any amendment may be made to this form of Constitution at any time when two-thirds of the Association may deem it expedient.

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